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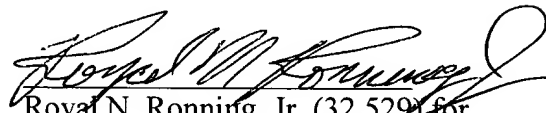
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment having a mailing date of February 21, 2003, regarding Applicants' response to the July 30, 2002, Official Office Action filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 3, 2003, Applicants are attaching hereto the following:

1. A marked-up version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) as required under 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii).
2. A clean version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) as required under 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii).

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Applicants believe they have fully complied with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment having a mailing date of February 21, 2003, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Should the Examiner have any questions, or if any outstanding matters still remain, he is respectfully invited to contact undersigned counsel at the telephone number listed below.

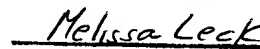
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